(c) whether protest is being made against import of gold; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total quantity and value of Gold imported during April 2005 to September 2005 is 442.87 Tonnes and Rs. 27080.88 crores respectively.

(c) and (d) No protest has been received against the import of gold.

Insurance scheme for seafood exporters

319. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India has designed a special insurance scheme for seafood exporters which would cover the risk of rejection of consignment particularly by western countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the scheme will be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India have agreed in principle to provide an additional cover provision under the existing Credit Insurance Policies for covering rejection risks arising due to presence of antibiotic residues in shrimps exported to European Union and Japan. The proposed cover is under preparation and will be introduced once the necessary approvals are in place.

Trade agreements with different countries

320. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Agreement and MoUs entered into with various countries in the last two years;

(b) whether enough safeguards have been made to take care of the domestic industries;